

The Daily Office Lectionary: A Study Edition

The Psalm or Psalms Appointed

Day	MP	EP	Day	MP	EP	Day	MP	EP
1	1	6	11	56	59	21	105	106
2	9	12	12	62	65	22	107	108
3	15	18	13	68	69	23	110	114
4	19	22	14	71	73	24	116	119
5	24	27	15	75	78	25	119.33	119.73
6	30	32	16	79	82	26	119.105	119.145
7	35	37	17	86	89	27	120	126
8	38	41	18	90	93	28	132	136
9	44	47	19	95	98	29	139	141
10	50	53	20	102	104	30	144	147

Books & page numbers in which readings begin

1 Chr	4	Acts	4	Isa	3	Nah	4
2 Chr	4	Am	5	Jas	4	Neh	4
1 Cor	5	Bar	4	Jdt	6	Num	6
2 Cor	4	Col	5	Jer	3	Ob	4
1 Jn	3	Dan	3	Jn	3	Phil	4
2 Jn	3	Deut	3	Job	6	Philem	4
3 Jn	3	Eccl	6	Joel	6	Prov	5
1 Kings	4	Eph	3	Jon	6	Ps	8
2 Kings	4	Esth	6	Josh	6	Rev	4
1 Macc	4	Ex	5	Jude	5	Rom	6
2 Macc	6	Ezek	5	Judg	6	Ruth	3
1 Pet	4	Ezra	4	Lam	3	Sir	6
2 Pet	5	Gal	3	Lev	5	Song	3
1 Sam	4	Gen	5	Lk	6	Titus	5
2 Sam	4	Hab	6	Mal	6	Tob	6
1 Thess	5	Hag	4	Mic	6	Wis	3
2 Thess	5	Heb	3	Mk	3	Zech	5
1 Tim	3	Hos	6	Mt	4	Zeph	4
2 Tim	3						

This is a work in progress. Observations and suggestions welcome!

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We Episcopalians agree that regular study of Scripture—all of Scripture—is one of the important elements for communal and individual growth. Scripture is the book that “reads us,” and God often chooses surprising parts of Scripture through which to speak. Many plans are available for such study, most recently the Bible Challenge, which offers a one-year schedule for reading the Bible (the 66 book canon) in one year. But if we are praying the Daily Office with its two-year lectionary, then we end up juggling two different calendars of readings.

Well, why not use the Daily Office Lectionary as one’s calendar for study? ‘Study’, I assume, implies reading an entire book: people write books, not chapters! For most New Testament books the lectionary works well, and for some Old Testament books.

There are, for example, largely continuous readings of Genesis in Year Two from Epiphany 1 through Lent 4. In Year One there are more or less continuous readings of 1-2 Samuel from Proper 6 through Proper 16. But “largely” or “more or less continuous” means that for study purposes the missing portions need to be included. (This is not a criticism of the lectionary: it was not designed for study.) But books like Proverbs only occur sporadically, and Song of Songs is entirely absent (Rabbi Akiba: “For the whole world is not worth the day on which Song of Songs was given to Israel, for all the Writings are holy and Song of Songs is Holy of Holies.”) So for purposes of study—continuous readings of whole books—some sort of adaptation is necessary. The following calendar is one possible adaptation; perhaps it can inspire better ones!

Any adaptation involves some decisions; here are the decisions involved in this adaptation:

- Following the lead of the Daily Office Lectionary, all of the Old Testament books in the pre-Reformation western canon are included.
- Readings that are not part of semi-continuous readings are ignored, e.g., the Epistle readings for Dec. 25 – Jan. 5.

- Readings are summarized by week, so that p.936 in the *BCP* (Year One: Weeks of 1-2 Advent) appears in the following table as two lines.
- A single asterisk after the summary, e.g., “Isa 1-4*” (again, referencing p.936), indicates that small expansions, e.g., Isa 3:1-7, are necessary to achieve a continuous reading.
- A double asterisk after the summary, e.g., “Deut 1-5**” (see *BCP* p.950), indicates that larger expansions, e.g., Deut 1-3, are necessary to achieve a continuous reading.
- Where even the larger expansion strategy is inadequate, readings are assigned to an additional office (“Noonday”). So in Year One Advent 4 the OT readings that range from Isa 11 to Isa 59 are ignored, and Isa 11-20 assigned to the Noonday office, with Isa 21-30 and 31-40 to be read in subsequent weeks. “Noonday” can end up meaning “whenever in the week it’s convenient.”
- The lectionary often offers two (semi-)continuous readings of New Testament books within the two year cycle. To minimize the number of weeks involving three or four tracks, where continuous readings of a book appear more than once, all except one of the readings is greyed out. So within the two year cycle there’s the opportunity to study each book of the Old and New Testament once.
- In the calendar endnotes are provided to connect discontinuous readings or to offer a possible reading schedule for the associated reading.

The Daily Office Lectionary is a well-crafted accompaniment to our Daily Office; may we long continue to use it as is! But should we wish to piggyback individual or group regular reading of all the books of the Bible onto that lectionary, this adaptation is one way we might do it.

ⁱ Reading in Rev resumes from Year 2, Proper 27.

ⁱⁱ Reading in Lk continues in Easter 2.

ⁱⁱⁱ If a full week is available: Sun Isa 11-12; Mon 13; Tue 14-15; Wed 16; Thu 17-18; Fri 19; Sat 20.

^{iv} Reading in Deut continues in Proper 4.

^v Reading in Heb continues in Easter 6.

^{vi} Reading in Jer continues in Proper 22.

^{vii} Reading in Rom continues in Easter 5.

^{viii} Include (LXX) additions to Daniel from Apocrypha.

^{ix} Expand assigned readings or Sun Wis 8-9; Mon 10-11; Tue 12; Wed 13-14; Thu 15 Fri 16-17; Sat 18-19.

^x Reading in Deut resumes from Lent 1. Expand assigned readings or Sun Deut 12-14; Mon 15-16; Tue 17-19; Wed 20-22; Thu 23-25; Fri 26-27; Sat 28.

^{xi} Sun 1 Macc 5-6; Mon 7-8; Tue 9-10; Wed 11-12; Thu 13-14; Fri 15-16.

^{xii} Reading in Zech continues in Proper 29.

^{xiii} Reading in Rev continues in Proper 24.

^{xiv} John 14-16 assigned to Easter 2.

^{xv} Sun Lev 1-2; Mon 3; Tue 4; Wed 5; Thu 6; Fri 7; Sat 8-9.

^{xvi} Sun Lev 10-11; Mon 12; Tue 13; Wed 14; Thu 15; Fri 16; Sat 17-18.

^{xvii} Sun Lev 19-20; Mon 21; Tue 22; Wed 23; Thu 24; Fri 25; Sat 26-27.

^{xviii} Include (LXX) additions to Esther from Apocrypha.

^{xix} Sun Sir 4-5; Mon 6-7; Tue 8-9; Wed 10-11; Thu 12-13; Fri 14-15; Sat 16-17.

^{xx} Reading in Rev resumes from Advent 3.

^{xxi} Sun Sir 18-20; Mon 21-22; Tue 23-25; Wed 26-27; Thu 28-30; Fri 31-32; Sat 33-35.

^{xxii} Sun Sir 36-37; Mon 38-39; Tue 40-41; Wed 42-43; Thu 44-45; Fri 46-48; Sat 49-51.

Year Two (cont.)

Week	OT	Epistle	Gospel	Noonday
P 1	--	1Jn 1-3	Mt 9-10	
P 2	--	1Jn 4-3Jn	Mt 11-12	
P 3	--	1Tim*	Mt 12-13*	
P 4	Eccl 1-5*	Gal 1-4	Mt 13-15	
P 5	Eccl 6-12*	Gal 4-6	Mt 15-17	Num 1-5
P 6	Num 6:1-14:25*	Rom 1:1-3:20*	Mt 17-19	
P 7	Num 14:26-20:29**	Rom 3:21-6:11	Mt 19-21	Num 15, 18-19
P 8	Num 21-24*	Rom 6:12-8:25	Mt 21-22*	Num 25-26
P 9	--	Rom 8:26-10:21	Mt 23-24	Num 27-36
P 10	Josh 1:1-6:14*	Rom 11:1-13:7	Mt 25-26	
P 11	Josh 6:15-23:16**	Rom 13:8-15:33	Mt 26-27	Tob 1-5
P 12	Josh 24-Jg 5*	Rom 16; Acts 1-2	Mt 27-28	Tob 6-10
P 13	Jg 6-10**	Acts 2-5	Jn 1-2	Tob 11-14
P 14	Jg 11:1-16:14*	Acts 5-7	Jn 3-5	Jdt 1-5
P 15	Jg 16:15-21:25** Job 1-3	Acts 7-9	Jn 5-6	Jdt 6-10
P 16	Job 4-10*	Acts 9-11	Jn 6-7*	Jdt 11-16
P 17	Job 11-24*	Acts 11-13	Jn 8-10	
P 18	Job 25-38	Acts 13-15	Jn 10-11	
P 19	Job 38-42 Esth 1-2*xviii	Acts 15-17	Jn 11-12	
P 20	Esth 3-8* Hos 1	Acts 18-20	Lk 1-4*	Esth 9-10
P 21	Hos 2-12**	Acts 20-22	Lk 5:1-6:38	
P 22	Hos 13-14*; Mic 1-5*	Acts 22-25	Lk 6:39-8:25	Jn 13-17
P 23	Mic 6-7* Jon Sir 1-3*	Acts 26-28	Lk 8:26-9:50	Jn 18-21
P 24	Sir 4-17* ^{xix}	Rev 7-10 ^{xx}	Lk 9:51-11:13	
P 25	Sir 18-35 ^{xoi}	Rev 11-13	Lk 11:14-12:48	
P 26	Sir 36-51 ^{xoii}	Rev 14-18	Lk 12:49-14:11	
P 27	Joel*	Rev 18-19; Jas 1-2	Lk 14:12-16:18	2Macc 1-5
P 28	Hab* Mal*	Jas 2-5	Lk 16:19-18:14	2Macc 6-10
P 29	Zech 9-14	--	Lk 18:15-19:48	2Macc 11-15

Year One

Week	OT	Epistle	Gospel	Noonday
Advent 1	Isa 1--4*	1Th 1-4; 2Pet 3	Lk 20:1-21:19	
Advent 2	Isa 5:1-8:15*	1Th 5; 2Th; 2Pet 3	Lk 21:20-22:38	
Advent 3	Isa 8:16-10:34*	2Pet 1-2 Jude	Lk 22:39-24:53**	
Advent 4	--	Rev 20-22 ⁱ	Lk 1-2** ⁱⁱ	Isa 11-20 ⁱⁱⁱ
Christmas	--	--	--	Isa 21-30
Christmas 2	--	--	--	Isa 31-39
Epiphany	--	--	--	
Epiphany 1	Isa 40:1-43:13*	Eph 1-3	Mk 1:1-3:6	
Epiphany 2	Isa 43:14-46:13	Eph 4-6	Mk 3:7-5:20	
Epiphany 3	Isa 47:1-51:8*	Gal 1-3	Mk 5:21-7:23	
Epiphany 4	Isa 51:9-57:13*	Gal 4:1-6:10	Mk 7:24-9:29	
Epiphany 5	Isa 57:14-61:11*	Gal 6:11-18; 2Tim*	Mk 9:30-10:52	
Epiphany 6	Isa 62:1-66:6*	1Tim*	Mk 11:1-12:44	Mk 13-16
Epiphany 7	Isa 66:7-24*; Ruth*	2Cor 1-9**	--	
Epiphany 8	Deut 1-5**	2Cor 10-13	--	
Epiphany 9	Deut 6-7	Heb 1:1-2:10; Tit	Jn 1	
Lent 1	Deut 8-11 ^{iv}	Heb 2:11-5:14 ^v	Jn 2:1-4:26	
Lent 2	Jer 1-5*	Rom 1-3*	Jn 4:27-5:47, 7:1-13	
Lent 3	Jer 6-13*	Rom 4-6	Jn 7:14-8:59*	
Lent 4	Jer 14-23:15*	Rom 7-9	Jn 6	
Lent 5	Jer 23:16-31:40** ^{vi}	Rom 9-11 ^{vii}	Jn 9-11*	
Holy Week	--	--	Jn 12-13**	Lam Jn 18-19
Easter 1	--	--	Jn 14-16	Song Jn 20
Easter 2	Dan 1-3 ^{viii}	1Jn 1:1-3:18	Lk 3-4*; Jn 17	Jn 21
Easter 3	Dan 4-6*	1Jn 3:19-3 Jn	Lk 4-5	
Easter 4	Wis 1:1-7:14*	Col 1-3	Lk 6-7	Dan 7-14
Easter 5	Wis 7:15-19:22 ^x	Col 3-4 Rom 12-16**	Lk 7-9	
Easter 6	--	Heb 4:14-5:14	Lk 9	
Easter 7	--	Heb 6:1-9:14	Lk 9-11	Heb 9:15-13:25

Year One (cont.)

Week	OT	Epistle	Gospel	Noonday
P 1	--	--	Lk 11-12	
P 2	--	--	Lk 13-14	
P 3	--	2Cor 1:1-5:10	Lk 14-16	
P 4	Deut 11:1-29:15**x	2Cor 5:11-9:15	Lk 17-18	
P 5	Deut 29:16-34:12*	2Cor 10:1-13:13	Lk 18-20	
P 6	1Sam 1:1-4:11	Acts 1:1-5:11*	Lk 20-21	
P 7	1Sam 4:12-10:1*	Acts 5:12-7:43	Lk 21-22	
P 8	1Sam 10:1-14:35*	Acts 7:44-9:19	Lk 22-23	
P 9	1Sam 14:36-17:49*	Acts 9:19-11:18	Mk 1; Lk 23-24	
P 10	1Sam 17:50-22:23*	Acts 11:19-13:43	Mk 1-3*	1Chr 1-5
P 11	1Sam 23-2Sam 1*	Acts 13:44-15:35	Mk 4-6	1Chr 6-10
P 12	2Sam 2:1-6:11*	Acts 15:36-17:34	Mk 6-8	1Chr 11-15
P 13	2Sam 6:12-12:31*	Acts 18:1-20:16	Mk 8-9	1Chr 16-20
P 14	2Sam 13-16	Acts 20:17-22:29	Mk 9-11	1Chr 21-25
P 15	2Sam 17-23*	Acts 22:30-25:27	Mk 11-13	1Chr 26-29
P 16	2Sam 24:1-1Kgs 8:21*	Acts 26-28	Mk 13-14	2Chr 1-5
P 17	1Kgs 8:22-12:20*	Jas 1-5**	Mk 14-15	2Chr 6-10
P 18	1Kgs 12:21-19:8*	Phil*	Mk 15-16 Mt 1-3	2Chr 11-15
P 19	1Kgs 19:8-2Kgs 3:27*	1Cor 1-4	Mt 4:1-5:20	2Chr 16-20
P 20	2Kgs 4-11*	1Cor 4-7*	Mt 5:21-6:24	2Chr 21-25
P 21	2Kgs 12-19**	1Cor 7-10	Mt 6:25-8:27	2Chr 26-30
P 22	2Kgs 20-24* Jer 32-35**	1Cor 10-13*	Mt 8:28-10:4	2Chr 31-36
P 23	2Kgs 25* Jer 36-38	1Cor 13-15*	Mt 10:5-11:15	Jer 39-45
P 24	Ezra 1-4*	1Cor 15-16 Philem	Mt 11:16-12:42	Jer 46-52; Bar
P 25	Hag* Ezra 5-6 Neh 1-4*	Rev 1-9**	Mt 12:43-13:35	
P 26	Ezra 7-9* Neh 5-6, 12-13*	Rev 10-17*	Mt 13:36-14:36	
P 27	Ezra 10* Neh 7-11** 1Macc 1:1-2:28*	Rev 18:1-20:6*	Mt 15-16	
P 28	1Macc 2:29-4:61*	Rev 20:7-22:21	Mt 17-18	
P 29	Ob Nah Zeph	1Pet 1-5**	Mt 19-20	1Mc 5-16 ^{xi}

Year Two

Week	OT	Epistle	Gospel	Noonday
Advent 1	Am 1-5*	2Pet*; Jude	Mt 21:1-22:22	
Advent 2	Am 6-9*	Rev 1-3	Mt 22:23-24:14	
Advent 3	Zech 1-8 ^{xii}	Rev 3-6 ^{xiii}	Mt 24:15-25:46	
Advent 4	--	Tit*	--	Mt 26-28
Christmas	--	--	--	
Christmas2	--	--	--	Prov 1-5
Epiphany	--	--	--	
Epiphany 1	Gen 1-6*	Heb 1-4	Jn 1-2	Prov 6-10
Epiphany 2	Gen 7-12*	Heb 4-7	Jn 2-4	Prov 11-15
Epiphany 3	Gen 13:1-18:16*	Heb 8-10	Jn 4-6	Prov 16-20
Epiphany 4	Gen 18:16-24:51*	Heb 11-12	Jn 6-7	Prov 21-25
Epiphany 5	Gen 24:50-29:20*	Heb 13	Jn 7-8	Prov 26-31
Epiphany 6	Gen 29:20-36:43*	1Jn 1-3	Jn 9-11	
Epiphany 7	--	1Jn 3-5; 2Tim 1; Philem	Jn 11-12	
Epiphany 8	--	2Tim 1-4; Phil 1*	Jn 12-13; ^{xiv} 18	Ezek 1-7
Epiphany 9	--	Phil 2-4*	Jn 17-18	Ezek 8-14
Lent 1	Gen 37:1-41:13*	1Cor 1:1-4:7	Mk 1-2	Ezek 15-21
Lent 2	Gen 41:14-43:34	1Cor 4:8-7:24	Mk 3-5	Ezek 22-28
Lent 3	Gen 44-47	1Cor 7:25-10:13	Mk 5-7	Ezek 29-35
Lent 4	Gen 48-Ex 2*	1Cor 10:14-13:13	Mk 7-9	Ezek 36-42
Lent 5	Ex 3-11*	1Cor 14	Mk 9-10	Ezek 43-48
Holy Week	--	--	Mk 11-12*	Mk 13-15; Jn 19
Easter 1	Ex 12-13	1Cor 15-16**	--	Mk 16; Jn 20-21
Easter 2	Ex 14-17	1Pet 1-4	Jn 14-16	
Easter 3	Ex 18-31**	1Pet 5; Col 1:1-3:17	Mt 1-4*	
Easter 4	Ex 32-40*	Col 3:18-4:18; 1Th 1:1-4:12	Mt 5	
Easter 5	--	1Th 4:13-5:28; 2Th 1-3	Mt 6-7	Lev 1-9 ^{xv}
Easter 6	--	Eph 1-2*	Mt 7-8	Lev 10-18 ^{xvi}
Easter 7	--	Eph 3-6*	Mt 8-9	Lev 19-27 ^{xvii}